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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

FROM: Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT: Items for Review in an Investigation of Security

1. Policy -- There have been newspaper and magazine articles about CIA, and the public has done some advertising of the organization's existence, particularly its "cloak and dagger" aspects. To counteract this, the CIA has publicly emphasized its duties as coordinator of intelligence rather than the special activities entrusted to it. Has there been a policy decision of the extent to which the role of the CIA as centralized Coordinator of Intelligence should be publicly advertised? Has consideration been given to disadvantages of disclosing anything against advantages of using overt activities to cover secret operations? If this policy determination has been made, do the individuals in CIA understand their role in it? In other words, is everybody on the outside getting the same story from everybody on the inside?

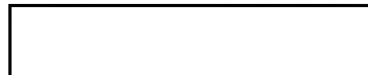
✓ 2. Security Briefings -- Are these as good as they can be?

3. Written Matter -- Are copies of classified papers prepared and passed around only to the extent necessary?

4. Passes -- Is there a good physical security check by guards?

*(Being looked into by Col. Edwards)*

5. Telephone -- Security regulations say nothing with a higher classification than Restricted should be discussed over the phone. I suspect this is not generally followed. If it shouldn't be followed, the regulation should be changed. If it should be, it is the easiest thing in the world to check on, by an audit of conversations at the switchboard. Once word gets around that conversations are being audited, people will then discuss only what they are supposed to. Also -- when people in the Agency realize they are being checked on, security-wise, there should be a generally beneficial effect on the personal security assumed by each individual. (Care must be taken not to carry this to the extent of creating a Gestapo.)



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